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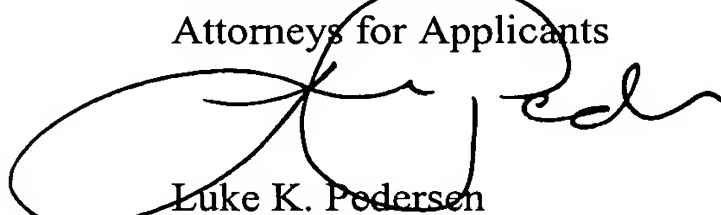
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 9-12, 14-21, and 33-35. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,
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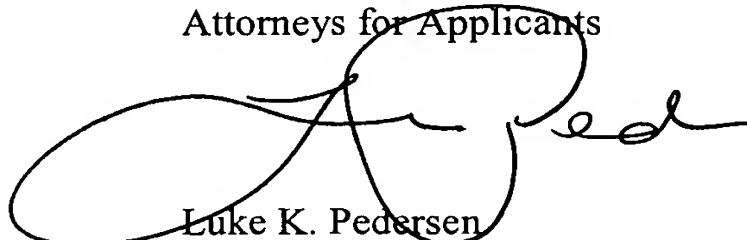
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TRANSMITTAL OF CORRECTED FORMAL DRAWINGS

Pursuant to the Notice of Allowability mailed September 9, 2004, transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application are four sheets of corrected formal drawings.

Acceptance and entry of these corrected drawings is respectfully requested.

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